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SABBATH SERVICES

Sabbath School.....	9:30 A. M.
Church Services.....	10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.
Y. P. S. C. E.....	6:45 P. M.
Junior Y. P. S. C. E.....	2:00 P. M.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday.....	7:30 P. M.

CONSTITUTION OF GRACE REFORMED CHURCH, FORT WAYNE, IND.

Article 1.—Name and Object.

Section 1. The name and title of this Congregation shall be the Grace Reformed Church, of Fort Wayne, Ind.

Sec. 2. Its object shall be to provide its members with the preaching of the Word, the administration of the Sacraments and the exercise of Christian Discipline in accordance with the confession of Faith known as the Heidelberg Catechism.

Sec. 3. This Congregation shall be an organic member of the Reformed Church in the United States and shall be governed by its Constitution and Laws.

Article II.—Of the Officers and Their Duties.

Section 1. The officers shall be a Pastor, Four Elders, Four Deacons, a Treasurer and a financial Secretary.

Sec. 2. The Pastor, Elders and Deacons shall constitute the Consistory and Board of Trustees.

Sec. 3. The duties of the Pastor, Elders, Deacons and Trustees shall be such as are laid down in the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Sec. 4. The Consistory shall at its annual meeting, or as soon thereafter as possible elect a Clerk and such other officers as may be necessary.

Sec. 5. The Consistory shall meet annually on the first day of January for the transaction of business and final settlement with the Treasurer and other officers, and at such time as may be necessary.

Sec. 6. To the Board of Trustees shall be entrusted the management of all the property of the Congregation, real, personal and mixed, in accordance with the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Sec. 7. The Treasurer of the Congregation shall receive all funds at the hands of the Financial Secretary and all other sources. And shall pay the same upon the order of the President and Clerk of the Consistory, excepting monies raised for the support of the Pastor, which shall be paid without such order.

Sec. 8. The Financial Secretary of the Church shall secure the pledges for the current expenses of the Church. He shall take charge of the Sabbath offerings, keep a careful record of the same and in due time deposit all amounts with the Treasurer, duly receipted. He shall also issue to the members of the

Church quarterly statements of their accounts with the Church.

Article III.—Elections.

Sec. 1. All members in good standing and who have contributed to the support of the congregation according to their ability, during the year preceding the election, shall be entitled to vote at all elections.

Sec. 2. An election shall be held for Pastor whenever the Consistory shall nominate and appoint a meeting for the purpose, according to the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States. At this election a President, Clerk and three Judges of the election shall be appointed, who shall certify the result to the Clerk of the Consistory. Every minister who may be elected must, before he can be installed or introduced into office, be a minister in good standing in the Clsses to which the congreagation belongs.

Sec. 3. An election of two Elders, two Deacons, a Financial Secretary, and a Treasurer shall be held at the annual meeting, January 1st, each year. The Elders and Deacons shal serve for two years, the Treasurer and Financial Secretary for one year.

Sec. 4. The Consistory shall at least ten days before the day of election nominate candidates; but it shall not prevent the congregation on the day of election, from nominating additional names, and no previous tenure of office shall disqualify any person from being such a candidate.

Sec. 5. In case of a vacancy by death, removal or otherwise, the Consistory shall appoint a day for a special election to fill lsaid vacancy. And that said election shall be appointed and held within one month from the date of such vacancy.

Article IV.—Members and Their Duties.

Section 1. Every person is a member of this congregation who has been duly received into connection with it, by confirmation, by letter, or by re-

newal of profession, according to the mode prescribed by Constitution of the Reformed Church.

Sec. 2. All members shall strive to promote the general welfare of the Church, and especially by a consistent life and walk, and shall annually contribute according to their ability toward support.

Article V.—Amendments and By-Laws.

Sec. 1. This Constitution or any part of it may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, at a meeting called for the purpose, provide dthat at least ten days notice of the same shall have been given.

Sec. 2. All elections and other business requiring the action of the congregation, except as provided in Article III, Section 3 of this Constitution shall be decided by a majority vote of those present at such election or meeting.

Amendment—Adopted Jan. 23, 1908.

Section 1. Resolved, that Section 1 of Article II. of the Constitution be and is hereby so amended, that it shall read as follows: "The officers shall be a Pastor, four Elders, and one or more additional Elders at the option of the Congregation, whose term of office shall be for life unless disqualified; four Deacons, a Treasurer and a Financial Secretary.

Section 2. The Elders elected for life shall be eligible to this office because of long and efficient service as officers in the Church, and shall be chosen the same as the other Elders, by a vote of the Congregation at the annual meet- shall have the same rights and privileges as the other Elders and shall be subject to the same Constitutional provisions.

Stereopticon sermon on Sabbath evening, May 23. A sequel to the sermon on the City Celestial, the possibility of entering in, and danger of neglect.

WEDDING BELLS.

Arthur E. Baily and Miss Orra Hume were united in marriage at the parsonage Saturday afternoon, April 17th. They will reside on a farm in the northern part of Allen county.

John Simmers and Miss Julia Hollopeter were married at the parsonage Monday afternoon, May 17th. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Hill and their little daughter, residing on Clinton street. The bride and groom have gone to housekeeping in Walton avenue.

Grace Reformed church was the scene of a pretty wedding Wednesday evening, May 12 at 8 o'clock when Miss Irma Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Smith, of 1018 DeGroff street, and Mr. David M. Merillat, also of this city, were united in marriage by Rev. Dr. A. K. Zartman. The church was well filled with friends of the two families and the bride and groom. The church had been decorated with palms. Miss Bertha Glitner played "Loengern as the bridal party entered the church. The bride and bridegroom walked together and were preceded by Miss Nora Smith, a sister of the bride, and Mr. D. Logan. The bride looked very pretty in a beautiful gown of white French batiste trimmed with cluny insertion and made in princes effect. The bridal veil was held to the hair with tea roses and the bride carried a bouquet of white roses, carnations and maidenhair fern. The maid of honor was also in white and her gown was a white mull prettily trimmed with insertion of lace and a white taffeta ribbon sash. The bridesmaid wore roses in her hair and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. After the wedding services the bridal party and their near relatives and friends were tendered a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Smith. Mr. Merillat is a brakeman on the Nickel Plate and both bride and groom are excellent

young people with many friends. The Visitor extends hearty congratulations to these newly wedded young friends.

Wednesday afternoon, May 12, the pastor and wife attended the funeral of Mr. John Eaton at Garrett, Ind. Mr. Eaton was a brother of Mrs. Rev. R. C. Zartman, of Philadelphia, and an old acquaintance and friend of the pastor. He was born and raised in Sandusky County, Ohio, where we first made his acquaintance about thirty-three years ago. He was then quite a young man, later the family moved to Fostoria, Ohio. After remaining there for a few years Mr. Eaton came to Garret, Ind., while residing there we only met him several times until a few months ago, when he came to the Hope Hospital. During the time he was in the city we were with him quite frequently and spent many pleasant hours together. When he returned to his home at Garrett he failed very rapidly, and died Sunday, May 9th. He was a good man, congenial, very closely attached to his friends and above all to his wife and little daughter. During the latter part of his prolonged illness he suffered intensely, but withall he was patient and fully resigned to the Lord. When he learned that there was no hope for his recovery, he said "The Lord's will be done." By his special request we took a part in the funeral services, speaking briefly of his full surrender to the Lord, his hope, and his devotion to his home and family. His wife and little daughter and three sisters survive him, to whom we extend our sympathy in their sad bereavement and sorrow.

Mr. Frank Ruf, from the Central Theological Seminary, at Dayton, preached a very acceptable and interesting sermon for us on Sunday morning, May 9th. He will spend his vacation at home and supply the Reformed Church at VanBuren, Ind.

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Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Kessler have gone to California to live. We wish them abundant success in their new home.

Mrs. Hills is getting very much better and there is hope that she may regain her usual health again. She will celebrate her 83rd birthday on May 28.

The newly elected officers of the Missionary Society are: Miss Anna Doerner, President; Mrs. A. K. Zartman, Vice President; Mrs. Ed Close, Secretary, and Mr. John Snyder, Treasurer.

Mother's day, May 16, was a day of delightful services at Grace church. The choir rendered some very appropriate hymns and the congregation joined with heart and soul in the singing of hymns of our fathers and mothers.

Mrs. Frank Leikauf entertained the young people at her home, on East Wayne street, on Thursday evening, April 15th. They had a good time and return a vote of thanks to their hostess for her kindness and hospitality.

We are planning to have our stereopticon bird lecture for the Sunday school Friday evening, June 18. This will be an interesting evening for the children. We are arranging to get Ernest Seton Thompson's bird pictures, 85 in number, for the evening.

Mrs. Ed Close entertained the Woman's Missionary society at her home, on East Washington street, Thursday afternoon, May 20. The pastor conducted a Bible reading at this meeting. At the close of the meeting the hostess served a very nice lunch. The meeting for June will be held at the home of Mrs. Jesse Benton, in High street.

WOMAN'S AID SOCIETY NOTES.

The next monthly meeting, Thursday afternoon, June 3d, in the lecture room of the church.

All-day sewing Wednesday, May 26, and Thursday, June 3d.

Chicken pie supper, Thursday evening, June 3d. by the ladies of section No. 4.—Managers, Mrs. Nellie Hildebrand, Mrs. Emma Bitner, Mrs. C. Waldo; assistants, Mesdames S. Duke-man, J. Rudisill, V. Monn, A. K. Zartman, J. W. Pearse, C. E. Crum, Frank Bercot, Luke Durnell, E. H. Masterson, C. Waldo, Ed Warner, D. Long, John Sessler, D. F. Knott, Louisa Hilgeman, Ernest Payne, John Bieghler, J. C. Weiler, Roy Bitner, Wm. Bierbaum, F. Coopman, Marie Cummins, H. Bryant, Wm. Martin, Ed Hessert and Misses Lizzie Rudisill, Edith Hobson, Lulu and Bertha Bitner, Lottie Weiler, Anna Coopman, Nora Minor, Lucy and Julia Bercot.

Keep your rummage for a rummage sale next fall, also your newspapers and magazines. The Woman's Aid society will gather up the papers and sell them, as dealers are offering good prices for them.

There should be a large attendance at the all-day sewings. There are orders for comforters, several quilts and a lot of aprons.

On Pentecost day, May 30th, Grace church will celebrate its 26th anniversary. The anniversary service will be held in the morning. At the evening service Mrs. Stoudt will speak. She comes to St. Joseph Classis to deliver a number of missionary addresses. She will speak at the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary society, of St. Joseph Classis, which convenes at Plymouth, Ind., May 26th.

Chicken Pie Supper, Thursday evening, June 3d, 20 cents.

Miss Clara Schaaf is the honor student in the graduating class of the High school this year. This is an honor indeed, considering the large number of students in the class. Mr. Raymond Close is also a member of this class.

The annual meeting of St. Joseph Classis will be held at Plymouth, Ind. The opening sessions being on Tuesday evening, May 25. The Classical Sunday School Convention will be held at the same place on Monday evening and all day Tuesday, May 24th and 25th. The Woman's Missionary Society meets on Wednesday, May 26th. Grace Church should have a good representation at these meetings. Mrs. Frank Leikauf and Mrs. Zartman are delegates to the Missionary Society. Several other of our ladies expect to attend. The pastor and one or two of the elders will attend Classis and the Sunday School convention.

There was a large attendance at the Sunday evening service when the pastor preached his sermon on "The City Celestial," the last of series of sermons on cities. There are some people who are interested in that city on the other side. Why should they not be? It will be our future home, our eternal home. Who does not have some loved ones there? One by one we are passing over. Are you not eager to get a glimpse of that city and know all about it? Sabbath evening, May 23 the pastor will give a stereopticon sermon on The Possibilities of Entering Into the Heavenly City and on the Perils of Delay.

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May 23, "Birds and Flowers," Luke 12:24-28, leader, Miss Elsie Weikart.

May 30, "Mission Study on China," leader, Mrs. A. K. Zartman.

June 6, "Life Lessons from Luke," Luke 6:20-38, leader, Mrs. D. F. Knott.

June 13, Stereoptican Lesson on Temperance, led by Prayer Meeting committee.

June 20, "The Hill Difficulty," Pilgrim's Progress Series No. 6, leader, Rev. A. K. Zartman.

The Young People's society will give an entertainment and comic dialogue in two scenes, entitled "Aunt Katie, Spinster," on Tuesday evening, June 1. The admission will be 15 cents and anyone selling five tickets will be entitled to a free ticket.

Miss Elsie Weikart entertained the Young People's society at her home, on Elizabeth street, Tuesday evening, May 11. The young people had a splendid time.

A recent arrival.—A son at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mains, on Fairfield Ave.

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